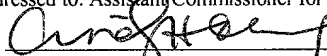


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination and calculation of fees for this application, please make the following amendments:

## AMENDMENTS

### In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 28-41, 44-47 and 67 without prejudice.

## REMARKS

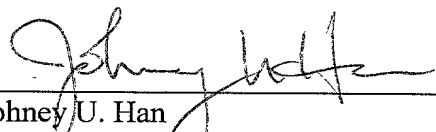
Claims 28-41, 44-47 and 67 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-27, 42-43, and 48-66 are currently under consideration. Amendment and cancellation of certain claims is not to be construed as a dedication to the public of any of the subject matter of the claims as previously presented. No new matter has been added.

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